

May 9, 1985

pretty well under control so that it doesn't have to be amended too much. Anything on Select File, for goodness sakes, let's have it in shape so it doesn't have to be brought back and I am strongly urging you, unless the amendments are really important, not to amend them on Final Reading. Now for those of you who are new, this is a process which can be screwing up your bills at the end of the session by attempting to amend them at the last minute with some frivolous amendment and it will not get to Final Reading this session. And those of you who have been here, of course, may want to use that as a tip to screw up some things that you would like to do. So take it either way you want to. General File again, let's really try to get our amending done there. Many of the Speaker's...the bills will probably not be heard this year and I know I have been getting pressure from some of you, from some people outside the Legislature to get certain ones of the Speaker's priority list out on the floor. Let me strongly tell you this. This coming Friday, this coming Friday, for all practical purposes, is the last of the times when we will be getting things on General File. Yes, that is not set in contract and concrete. Yes, we can get them off General File and still get them through before the end of the session. But if you are interested in General File, we had better be getting them off by the end of next week. Keep that in mind and when you are intending to prolong the conversation perhaps you can think that it might be your bill or one of your important bills that may be hanging there not getting anywhere by the end of this session. So I can't urge you strongly enough to be concise in what you are doing with bills for the rest of the session. I think we are in pretty good shape with the financial bills, the revenue and appropriations, except that, except that you all know of the shortfall that was announced last week of some 15, 20 million. This is causing problems for Jerry Warner and Company and Vard Johnson and Company and they are attempting to get things in shape for us. But with that being the session...the situation, we are going to have to be careful because next week we will take more time than we had anticipated on money bills. So I am being very...I am impressing on you strongly to let's be very careful what we do, work as fast as possible but not frivolously. I don't mean to thwart debate at all but we should pay attention to business carefully from here on. I will do my best to get your bills up there and to get them through this session. So with that, ladies and gentlemen, good luck.